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SUBJECT: ARRESTED ISRAELIS FREED

1. FIVE ISRAELIS--FOUR OF THEM DUAL ARGENTINE-ISRAELI NATIONALS--AND THREE OTHER JEWISH ARGENTINE YOUTHS, WHOSE ARREST AND DETENTION BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES JULY 22 SPARKED PUBLIC PROTEST BY GOI, WERE RELEASED UNCONDITIONALLY YESTERDAY (AUGUST 3) ACCORDING TO ISRAELI EMBASSY SOURCE.

2. THE FIVE ISRAELIS, RECENT ARRIVALS IN ARGENTINA AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION'S YOUTH AND PIONEER DEPARTMENT, WERE ARRESTED AFTER ATTENDING A SEMINAR IN A JEWISH CLUB IN CORDOBA. THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTESTED THE ARRESTS TO THE ARGENTINE CHARGE IN TEL AVIV ON JULY 26 AND THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, RAM NIRGAD, ASKED ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI FOR "CLARIFICATION" OF THE CASE ON JULY 30. ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES PROMISED AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND ATTRIBUTED THE DELAY TO THE NEED TO TRANSLATE THE MATERIAL FOUND ON THE DETAINEES WHICH WAS PRINTED IN HEBREW.

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3. COMMENT. GOA, LOATHE TO FIND ITSELF EMBROILED IN

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES OVER CITIZENS' RIGHTS, IS NONETHELESS
FACING INCREASINGLY VOCAL PROTESTS ABROAD OVER MISSING AND
ARBITRARILY DETAINED FOREIGN CITIZENS. ISRAELI GOVT'S QUICK
AND LOUD PROTEST APPARENTLY MOVED THE ARREST CASE STRAIGHT TO
THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, WHICH WASHED ITS
HANDS OF THE CASE AS QUICKLY AS FORM ALLOWED. GERMAN CHANCELLOR
HELMUT SCHMIDT, HOWEVER, WHO WROTE PRESIDENT VIDELA JULY 7
THAT THE CONTINUED DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO GERMAN DUAL NATIONALS,
MISSING SINCE EARLY APRIL, COULD SEVERELY AFFECT RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HAS YET TO RECEIVE A REPLY.
EMBASSY IS NOW PREPARING ROUND-UP OF OTHER CASES OF MISSING
OR DETAINED FOREIGN NATIONALS IN ARGENTINA.
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